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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CVIS, SREF, UR (OVSEPIAN, ELIZA)

SUBJECT: WALK-IN

REFS: STATE 204777, MOSCOW 19229, MOSCOW 19224

1. FOLLOWING OVSEPIAN'S TELEPHONE CONVERSATION VIA  
OPS CENTER WITH HER SISTER, AZATOUHIE MOSKOFIAN (NEE  
HOVSEPIAN), AND MOTHER, ROZA HOVSEPIAN, IN LOS ANGELES  
AUGUST 12 AT 1500 WASHINGTON TIME, DEPTOFF FARRAND SPOKE  
WITH OVSEPIAN'S NIECE WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH AND WHO WAS  
PRESENT WHILE HER MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER SPOKE IN  
ARMENIAN WITH ELIZA OVSEPIAN AND HER CHILDREN. INTERPRET-  
ING FOR HER MOTHER, NIECE SAID THAT OVSEPIAN HAD REITERATED  
HER INTENTION TO REMAIN IN EMBASSY WITH HER CHILDREN UNTIL  
PERMISSION FOR THEM TO EXIT FROM USSR HAD BEEN ARRANGED.

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BOTH HER SISTER, AZATOUHIE, AND HER MOTHER, ROZA, REPORTED-  
LY TOLD ELIZA THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HER TO LEAVE  
THE EMBASSY AND RETURN TO YEREVAN RATHER THAN MAKE MATTERS  
MORE DIFFICULT FOR HERSELF AND FAMILY BY REMAINING LONGER  
IN THE EMBASSY. BUT OVSEPIAN, HIGHLY EMOTIONAL DURING  
TWENTY-MINUTE CALL, REMAINED ADAMANT ABOUT STAYING.

2. FAMILY IN LOS ANGELES WANTS NO PRESS ATTENTION FROM THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE CASE AND DEPARTMENT WILL NOT RELEASE FAMILY'S ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THIS TIME. FARRAND'S EARLIER CALL MID-DAY ON SATURDAY WAS FIRST THEY HAD HEARD OF OVSEPIAN'S ACTIONS AND THEY WERE UNSETTLED, BUT FULLY COOPERATIVE. WE HAVE URGED THEM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH EUR/SOV AT ANY TIME SHOULD THEY HAVE FURTHER THOUGHTS ON SITUATION OR DESIRE TO COMMUNICATE AGAIN WITH OVSEPIAN. THEY HAVE PROMISED TO DO SO AND SEEM SINCERELY DESIROUS OF HELPING HER IN ANY WAY THEY CAN. THEY SAID THEY INTEND TO SEND A TELEGRAM TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WITH A PLEA FOR EARLY AND POSITIVE ACTION ON OVSEPIAN'S REQUEST FOR EXIT VISA.

3. GIVEN IMPACT WHICH TELEPHONE CALL HAD ON BOTH PARTIES, IT IS POSSIBLE OVSEPIAN MAY HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS AS SHE THINKS IT OVER. EMBASSY'S THOUGHTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CHRISTOPHER

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